



2023-2024 MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

Deadline: Postmarked no later than March 6, 2023

Please consider before applying that CMYC is an extremely time-intensive commitment.

Application Requirements

(Any questions or concerns should be emailed to cmycouncil@gmail.com)

1. Contact and Information Form (Page 4)
2. A resumé that highlights all past and current leadership and service (i.e. clubs, sports, student gov., research, etc.) (Page 5)
3. A personal letter of recommendation from a teacher, counselor, employer, or supervisor (Page 5)
4. Typed answers to the essay questions (Page 6), in the same order as given
5. Current Commitment Sheet (Pages 7 and 8)
6. Parental & Student Agreement- on the last page of this packet (Page 9)
7. Please no staples, no double-sided application pages, and submit in type or in pen, no pencil.

Mail completed application in one envelope by March 6, 2023 to:

*Nancy Heck,
Re: CMYC Application
Director of CRED, City of Carmel
One Civic Square
Carmel, IN 46032*



Application Timeline (Note: Dates are subject to change)

1. Upon receiving your application, it will be sent to the 2023-2024 selection committee. The selection committee consists of the current CMYC Executive Council and the two CMYC Advisors. This committee will determine the candidates to interview and will send you an email outlining your application status. You should receive an email from the selection committee no later than March 24th.
2. The interview candidates will schedule individual interviews with the selection committee. The interviews will take place in 15-minute segments and are required to complete the application process. These interviews are targeted to take place the week of April 10th.
3. Final application decisions will be emailed no later than April 28th.

Mission Statement

To empower the very best young adults of Carmel with unique leadership and service opportunities that aim to benefit the youth and the Carmel community as a whole.

A Glimpse

The Carmel Mayor's Youth Council, formed in 2010, is an initiative started by Carmel Mayor Jim Brainard to empower the youth community. The group consists of 25 to 35 high school students who wish to make a positive, tangible impact on the city during their time in high school. These students, with the support of local government and civic leaders, plan, organize and implement opportunities and events that allow youth to develop valuable and transferable leadership skills and organizational knowledge.

The Council has its own internal leadership structure and a majority of the operations are led solely by Council members. With the approval and support of the city government, the CMYC is able to take even the grandest ideas of its members, work collectively, and make them a reality.



However, with this amazing opportunity comes significant responsibility. Council members meet several times per month, work professionally with government and civic leaders, organize community events and projects, reflect on local events, and are expected to maintain a high order of conduct throughout the term. CMYC members share the vision of an active and empowered youth population.

Over the past year, the Council has set a foundation of leadership, service, and excellence. The 2023-2024 CMYC is focused on expanding upon that foundation by growing existing events and activities and exploring the formation of new opportunities. The Council is searching for ambitious, forward-minded youth who want a unique exposure to real-world experiences that make meaningful differences in their community.

What qualities are we looking for?

- ❖ Current or incoming high school student living in Carmel
- ❖ Ambition and vision
- ❖ Self-motivated; community-driven opportunities
- ❖ History of leadership, service, ambition, initiative
- ❖ Interpersonal communication and teamwork skills
- ❖ 5+ hours a week to dedicate to CMYC-related activities



Contact and Information Form

(Please type or fill out using black or blue ink)

First Name: _____ Last Name: _____

Preferred Name: _____ Pronouns: _____

Date of Birth (mm/dd/yyyy): _____

2023-2024 School Year Grade/ Grade you will be entering: _____

Home Street Address: _____

City: _____ ZIP: _____

Applicant's Cell Phone #: (____) _____

Applicant's Email Address: _____

School Currently Attending: _____

School Attending Next School Year (2023-2024): _____

Weighted GPA (Cumulative): _____

How often do you check and respond to your personal email?

Minimum daily A few times a week Weekly Monthly

Have you applied to CMYC before: _____

If so, how many times and in what years have you applied:



[If you are skilled in a technical area (graphic design, photography, etc.), please attach any examples you'd like to be considered (keep it relatively brief)]

Resumé

Your resumé should include:

- ❖ A description of your talents and specialties (especially technical ones such as website design, graphic design, writing, etc.)
- ❖ A detailed description of school and community activities and your leadership roles
- ❖ A detailed description of volunteering, work, and internship experiences
- ❖ Any awards or other recognition

Your resumé should NOT:

- ❖ List individual classes and grades
- ❖ Be more than two pages
- ❖ Include anything prior to the last three years

Letter of Recommendation

Your letter of recommendation should be from a trusted adult or peer who can attest to your leadership, responsibility, and motivation. Examples include: teacher, club sponsor, employer, volunteer supervisor, religious leader, etc.

Guidelines:

- ❖ It should NOT be from a relative
- ❖ It must include the contact information of the writer
- ❖ It needs to be included in your application package within a sealed envelope with the writer's signature over the seal **or** recommendation letters may also be emailed before March 6, 2023 to Ms. Candy Martin at cmartin@carmel.in.gov



Short Answer Questions

Please provide concise answers to the following questions in a typed document, MLA style. Answers should show us your personality, character, interests, abilities, and initiative.

Each response, except questions 3, 4, & 5, should be no more than 200 words.

1. What you put in is what you get out. CMYC is a great place to learn and grow, how do you hope to add to CMYC and what do you hope to gain from CMYC?
2. One of the most important aspects of CMYC is the connection members have to other students on the council. Write a note to a future CMYC member you may meet that reveals something about you or that will help them—and us—get to know you better.
3. How will you utilize the opportunity to interact with local government officials to your advantage? (125 words max)
4. What brings you joy? (100 words max)
5. What conspiracy theory do you secretly believe? Why? (50 words max)



Current Commitment Sheet

This form will allow the selection committee to determine applicants who are actively seeking to be involved in other extracurricular activities, can practice proper time management, and have the ability to take on further responsibility by joining CMYC. **Please only include your five most time-consuming activities for each season. Do not include homework. You do not have to fill all the slots.**

- ❖ **Examples include: Athletic commitments, school-sponsored clubs . . .**
- ❖ **Activities should help us to get to know you better as a potential member**

SUMMER

TOTAL HOURS/WEEK _____

ACTIVITY _____ HRS/WEEK _____

ACTIVITY _____ HRS/WEEK _____

ACTIVITY _____ HRS/WEEK _____

ACTIVITY _____ HRS/WEEK _____

ACTIVITY _____ HRS/WEEK _____

INCLUDE ANY EXTENDED ACTIVITIES AND DATES BELOW (SUMMER CAMP, FAMILY TRIP, ETC.):



FALL

TOTAL HOURS/WEEK _____

ACTIVITY _____ HRS/WEEK _____

ACTIVITY _____ HRS/WEEK _____

ACTIVITY _____ HRS/WEEK _____

ACTIVITY _____ HRS/WEEK _____

ACTIVITY _____ HRS/WEEK _____

WINTER

TOTAL HOURS/WEEK _____

ACTIVITY _____ HRS/WEEK _____

ACTIVITY _____ HRS/WEEK _____

ACTIVITY _____ HRS/WEEK _____

ACTIVITY _____ HRS/WEEK _____

ACTIVITY _____ HRS/WEEK _____

SPRING

TOTAL HOURS/WEEK _____

ACTIVITY _____ HRS/WEEK _____

ACTIVITY _____ HRS/WEEK _____

ACTIVITY _____ HRS/WEEK _____

ACTIVITY _____ HRS/WEEK _____

ACTIVITY _____ HRS/WEEK _____



Parental & Student Agreement

In submitting this application, I certify that the information provided is complete and accurate to the best of my knowledge.

- ❖ By my signature below, I acknowledge that I have read, understood, and accept the CMYC Bylaws.
- ❖ By my signature below, I acknowledge that I have read ALL the bylaws in detail, particularly **bylaws 9.1-9.4** regarding attendance.

Student Signature_____ Date_____

I understand that my child's participation and attendance at meetings, activities, and functions of the Carmel Mayor's Youth Council are of high importance. I support their participation in the Council, and understand the rigorous level of responsibility to which they are committing.

Parent/Guardian Signature_____ Date_____